

MORE SALARIES CUT.

PARK-KEEPERS REDUCED AND CITY-HALL EMPLOYEES DROPPED.

PLEA FOR THE CITY NURSERYMAN.

A Sub-Committee Appointed to Further Investigate the Health Department—Oakwood Cemetery Superintendent's Salary Restored.

The Retrenchment and Reform Committee, which met in the City Hall last night, was occupied chiefly with the consideration of the duties and needs for a City Nurseryman. After the necessity had been emphasized by Colonel Cutshaw, who made a long and interesting statement in this connection, the work of retrenchment was taken up. The most sweeping reductions were made in the salaries of the park-keepers, which were subjected to a cut of more than 35 per cent. The position of head janitor of the City Hall was dispensed with, as also was that of officer, but it was decided that there was need for another assistant engineer, and the committee recommends that such an office shall be created, the remuneration of which will exceed that of the officer.

The vexed question of how to deal with the Health Department was again broached, but the difficulty was overcome by the appointment of a sub-committee to further investigate the department, and formulate a report thereon.

THE CITY NURSERYMAN.

When the committee was called to order there were present Messrs. Allen (chairman), Ebel, Harrelson, Noble, Rountree, Zimmermann, Captain Stark and his regrets for unavoidable absence, having been called out of the city.

After some discussion as to procedure, Mr. Zimmermann moved that Colonel Cutshaw should be heard in relation to the City Nurseryman. The motion was adopted.

Colonel Cutshaw, in reply to a question put by Mr. Allen, said there was no question as to the economy in employing a nurseryman, as opposed to the putting out the work by contract. Further, he stated that the nurseryman of the city was thoroughly skilled. The defects that are apparent in the large trees now on the streets of the city were caused by neglect before the city engaged a nurseryman. Colonel Cutshaw stated that the plans pursued in bringing the trees here from all parts of the country, and emphasized the need for a large number of seedlings in order that the good may be perpetuated. He stated that he was supervising the needs of the city, but all the public parks, and such associations as the Hollywood and Oakwood. "We have nearly every variety of forest trees," said the Engineer, "and in a year or so it would be found impossible to duplicate them for thousands of dollars. Most of the trees on the streets now are too close to each other, and are not properly spaced, and in a year or so the city is a mere scrub compared with the good that is done."

THE PLAN OUTLINED.

Colonel Cutshaw then outlined the plan followed in the fostering and planting of trees a year or two ago. He stated that the city would be planting 2,000 trees a year, which would be an immense benefit, and a really great thing. The employing of Mr. Hans was the wisest and most economical thing that had been done. The committee to visit the nursery, when he felt sure, they would realize that it would be a most unwise thing to dispense with the services of a nurseryman. In large northern cities, where the city of trees was formed to carry out the same idea that is being followed by the city government.

In answer to a question put by Mr. Harrelson, Colonel Cutshaw said that trees were planted before the residence of any one who made the request. The expense of the nursery and all the employees did not amount to \$2,000 a year.

Mr. Allen said that the city was a southern city, and absolutely needed shade trees, and the services of a practical nurseryman are really essential to the proper growth of the trees.

Colonel Cutshaw then spoke of the risk of insecticides on trees, and particularly of the "borer," which is doing so much damage to the trees of the city, particularly to the elms. The necessity of a man to watch and cope with the insects, he thought, was an apparent fact, and the only thing that can minimize the results of these insects. The transplanting of trees, and Mr. Hans's success in this particular, were also commented upon.

TALK OVER THEIR REPORTS.

The question as to when the committee should submit a report to the Council was then discussed. Mr. Rountree said he understood that the committee would report to the Council from time to time. Mr. Allen said it had been decided that a general report should be made.

The propriety of printing the evidence in the broad-sheet investigation was discussed, but no decision was reached at that time.

Mr. Rountree again urged that the committee should make reports frequently to the Council. He had committed himself to members of the Council to produce a partial report on the subject of the health department was expressed by his failure to do so.

Mr. Zimmermann said the partial reports were most unsatisfactory, and they had been great difficulty in getting the committee to express the belief that the public wanted the whole scheme of retrenchment presented at one time.

Mr. Harrelson said the best thing to do, if the committee was to get a report before the Council, was to stop arguing side issues and get down to work.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Ebel moved to take up the unfinished business, and when this motion prevailed, he made a motion that the Board of Health, \$120 a year, two members of the Board of Health, \$100 each; four physicians to the poor, \$100 each, and inspector of plumbing, \$1,000, should remain as at present.

Mr. Rountree contended that this was the most important department in the city government. He did not think there was time to go into a proper discussion of the many points at issue. It was impossible to do the department justice before the public with a mere desultory discussion. He moved, as a substitute to Mr. Ebel's motion, that a sub-committee should be appointed to investigate the department and make a report to the committee. Mr. Ebel said nothing could be gained by this means, as a sub-committee could not gain any more information than could be present before the committee as a whole.

Mr. Rountree's substitute was adopted, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Rountree, Noble, and Allen as a sub-committee. The committee was to report next Tuesday night.

The coroner's office was next taken up, and it was moved by Mr. Noble that the suggestion of the City Attorney that the Legislature be petitioned to amend the city charter so that the coroner's office should be placed under control of the Council, and the compensation fixed by that body, be adopted. The motion was carried.

SALARIES OF PARK-KEEPERS. The salaries of the six park-keepers, at present \$92.50 a year each, and of the City Nurseryman, \$750 a year, were next considered.

Mr. Noble thought the park-keepers might well be dispensed with, and park laborers substituted. The condition of the parks was far from creditable, especially during certain months of the year. He moved that the services of the six park-keepers should be dispensed with, and that one

laborer should be appointed to each park, with Mr. Hans as general superintendent. Mr. Allen said he didn't think Mr. Hans would be able to supervise the parks and attend to his regular duties. Mr. Harrelson said the one position in the city which was superfluous was that of a park-keeper. The men occupying these positions did nothing but sit and loaf around the parks. An able-bodied man would be able to keep the parks in order.

Mr. Rountree thought a keeper was essential to the case in Reservoir Park, to do police duty alone. Mr. Ebel thought Mr. Noble's motion should not prevail. The keepers were obliged to be at the parks late in summer. A keeper would only be expected to work for a limited number of hours, and the result would be that the parks would be left without a keeper during the late hours, when supervision was essential. His motion as a substitute that the salaries should be allowed to remain as they are; that the keepers should be compelled to keep the parks in order, as well as exercise police duty, and that three hours should be allowed from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. during the year, except from April 1st to October 31st, when the hours should be from 8 A. M. to 11 P. M.

FAVORS A GENERAL CUT.

Mr. Ebel, continuing, said that so far, only salaries connected with the Street Department had been touched. Personally, he was in favor of Mr. Allen's plan for reducing all city salaries 25 per cent.

Mr. Zimmermann said this had nothing to do with the case. Because, a general reduction had been proposed, officers that were found to be superfluous might surely be abolished.

Mr. Noble said the duties of the park-keeper were never more arduous than to require him to drive a stray cow off the grounds.

Mr. Harrelson said no one would oppose the incumbents being reapportioned as the laborers. He thought \$600 a year would be quite sufficient for the services expected.

Mr. Rountree said that as the Grounds and Buildings Committee was considering the duties of the keepers, and intended to regulate them, he thought this committee should confine itself to making the matter of compensation.

Mr. Allen stated it was within the province of the committee to make any suggestions it deemed fit to the Council. Mr. Harrelson moved as a substitute to the wholehearted salary of park-keepers be reduced to \$50 a month and that the Council should instruct the Grounds and Buildings Committee to regulate the duties and hours of labor.

Mr. Ebel alone voting against it. Mr. Harrelson then moved that the office and salary of the City Nurseryman, for a year, should remain as at present, and the motion was adopted nem con.

The committee decided that the salary of Clerk to the Grounds and Buildings Committee, which was \$50 a month, should be reduced to \$25 a month.

THE CITY HALL EMPLOYEES. The salaries paid for help in the City Hall were next considered. Mr. Rountree moved that the services of one helper should be dispensed with, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Harrelson then moved that the position of Chief Janitor be abolished. The salary of this office is \$750 a year. The motion was carried.

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MAY STOP THE WORK.

MR. GOODWIN THREATENS TO ENJOIN HULL-STREET PAVING.

HAD BEEN GIVEN THE CONTRACT.

On This Ground He Claims That New Bids Should Not Have Been Invited—Marrying Last Night—Other Manchester News.

It would appear that the paving of Hull street will not be very plain and even sailing. The work is now at a standstill, because of the variance of the Electric Company, but even when this difficulty is adjusted, and of this there seems little immediate prospect, a new trouble may arise. Some months ago the City Council decided to do this work, and advertised for bids for the contract. But it was understood that the successful contractor would have to look to the railway company for payment for the work between the tracks. This circumstance had the effect to scare off other contractors, and the only bidder was Mr. Goodwin. His proposition was accepted, and Mr. Goodwin says the contract was signed between the city and himself. The city, however, decided later to forego the work for the time, and the contract was laid aside. A very short while ago the matter of paving came up again, and bids were invited for a second time. Mr. Goodwin claims that this was done, although the former contract between the city and himself was still in existence. He went into the contest with a number of others, since now the objectionable condition has been removed, and the second contract was this time awarded to Messrs. Albright & Mittendorf, as the lowest bidders. This action grieved Mr. Goodwin, because he was just a few cents above the successful bidder, thinking that, as he had stood by the city in her difficulty, he should now be treated with some consideration. He contested the matter before the Street Committee; it was taken before the Council, and there the decision was cast in his opponent's favor.

MAY GET AN INJUNCTION. It is understood Mr. Goodwin will not let the matter rest here, but is waiting for the City Council to adjourn, and then he is going to sue out an injunction, and there stop it. The contractor bears no malice towards any individual, but says among many things, justice, and will sue for this purpose solely. It is said that Mr. Goodwin will remain quiet until the work is fairly begun and Hull street is torn around the corner, and then he, with the law in one hand and the brake in the other, will step in and stop it then and there, until the suit is closed by a decision of the courts.

This is a complication that, perhaps, never occurred to many of the city fathers, and may make the paving and improvement of Hull street a thing to be viewed with some apprehension.

The revival services at Central Methodist church continue this week with much interest. Rev. W. R. Holcomb, the boy preacher, is assisting the pastor, Rev. W. W. Jones, and each service is largely attended. During this week there will be a 4 o'clock service, as well as the usual service at 8 o'clock.

An officer came from the reformatory last night, and took back with him George Meredith, who was ordered to the institution Monday by Mayor Maurice because he was a vagabond.

MARRIAGE LAST NIGHT. Mr. Carter C. Jones and Miss Della Lancaster were married at Fifth-Street Methodist church last evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. O. Babcock, pastor of the church.

Miss Lancaster is an attractive young lady of Matthews, Ala., and has many personal charms. She has won her many friends, who extend now their best wishes in her new life.

Mr. Jones is a son of Mr. Alexander Jones, and was born in the Atlantic City, N. J., and is now residing in Richmond.

Mr. Marshall Jones, brother of the groom, was his best man, with Miss Minnie Wyrick, as maid of honor. The attendants were Messrs. Joseph Sampson, Thomas H. Norwood Bailey, and Edwin Waymack.

Miss Minnie Jones played the wedding music. After the ceremony an elegant reception was tendered the bride party at the residence of the groom's father, on east Fourth street.

TRIED THE OLD GAME. There was a large attendance upon the service at Manchester's White Temple yesterday morning. Joe Fleming, the negro who escaped from the pen during court session Monday morning, was the first to testify in the case. He said Fleming was arrested as a common vagrant. The prisoner here abruptly broke up the testimony being given, to stoutly deny the charge. He would require security of Fleming for sixty days.

When court was adjourned, Joe attempted his same old trick of stealing from the jury. He boldly snatched a case, had not his scheme been divined by an officer, who, without much ceremony, took him back to the pen.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS. Mr. W. J. Carter left Monday night for Franklin, N. C.

Mr. James M. Lipscomb, of Salisbury, N. C., is in the city stopping with his relatives.

Mr. W. W. Lowry left yesterday for Salisbury, N. C., where he has accepted a position with the Southern Railroad.

Mr. John Clarke, of Danville, Va., Halifax county, is stopping with friends in the city.

The infant child of Dr. and Mrs. William Mathews is quite sick.

Miss Anne M. Clark left yesterday for her home in Lynchburg, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Parker, who has just recovered from a lingering illness.

Rev. Dr. H. E. Johnson is building himself a new residence on his farm on the Providence road. Dr. Johnson is now stationed at Hampton.

Lilly Council, No. 3, Daughters of Liberty, will pay a fraternal visit to New South County, No. 8, Junior Order American Mechanics, Friday night, April 9th, at 8:30 o'clock.

The Daughters of Liberty are composed of young ladies whose husbands, husbands, and fathers are members of the order. It is a social and benevolent order and is governed by ladies who have their meetings weekly in Anderson's Hall.

Rev. W. P. Constable has been appointed to take charge of the circuit near Seven Pines. There are four churches embraced in this circuit, among them Highland Springs and Little Trinity churches. To be near his work, Constable has moved from near Seven Pines. Mr. Constable has endeavored himself to the people of Manchester and Swansboro since he has been in their midst, and they will part with him with much regret.

The Colored Episcopal Mission. The Lenten Mission being conducted this week at St. Philip's church (colored) is drawing in interest. A large congregation heard Bishop Penick's sermon last night. The discourse was able and instructive and contained a number of appropriate illustrations and personal reminiscences. Rev. J. W. Johnson, recorder of the church, read the service.

Rev. J. J. Graves, of the Church of the Holy Trinity, will preach at St. Philip's to-night.

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25c pairs Men's and Boys' Cloth-Top Rubber-Sole Tennis or Base-Ball Shoes, regular price, 50c, for 12c.

100 pairs Ladies' Soft Dongola Kid Oxford Ties, Macey sewed, pointed toes, patent-leather tipped, warranted solid, 75c, for 12c.

1st Ladies' 5c Parker's, Sampson & Adams Company's Oxford Ties, new, round, pointed, and common-sense toes, made of French kid stock, hand sewed and hand turned, 10c to 15c, for 12c.

25c pairs Ladies' 5c Pointed Toe Oxford Ties, made of Vici kid stock, Russell, Ox-Blood, and Black, A, B, C, D, and E lasts, for \$1.50.

15c pairs Misses' and Children's \$1.50 Dark Russel Button and Lace Shoes, new, round toe, 12c.

1st Boys' \$1.50 Russel Lace Shoes, new, round toe, 12c.

50c pairs Misses' \$1.50 Macey-Sew Oxford Ties, made of soft Dongola kid, hand sewed, pointed toes, warranted solid, 75c, for 12c.

1st Ladies' \$1.50 Dongola Kid Button Boots, hand sewed, 12c.

1st Ladies' \$1.50 Patent-Leather Oxford Ties, newest cut, 12c.

1st Ladies' \$1.50 Chrome Kid Button Shoes, pointed and new round toes, 12c.

HOSEY HALF PRICE. Ladies' Black and White Thread Hose, Rembrandt & Richelieu, in Hermsdorf Black and all shades of Tans, worth 25c, for 12c.

Ladies' Real French Life-Thread Hose, fancy ribbed black boots, all colored toes, worth 25c, for 12c.

Children's Black and Tan Socks, all sizes, full seamless, 5c.

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